

## EASTER FASHIONS.

THESE INDICATE THE FORTHCOMING SUMMER MODES.

**Hoops Are In Evidence**—Lace Plays a Conspicuous Part on New Gowns—Striking Combinations of Colors—The New Sleeves, Hairdressing and Millinery.

The season for new fashions and the consequent new gowns and bonnets is fairly launched at Easter, for every woman desires to appear in brave apparel in honor of this queen of festivals. As Easter Sunday comes late this year, the Easter exhibit in way of clothes may be taken as a fair index of the permanent styles for the late spring and summer.

The leading features as expressed in the Easter fashions are skirts worn over hoops or faced with haircloth, new styles of sleeves, striking combinations of color and materials and gorgeous silks for waists.

Lace plays an important part on many of the new gowns, and a novelty is a dust colored muslin with an applique of lace upon it. Sometimes this is plain. Again you may see it traced with jet.

Green appears to be a favorite color in the dresses, emblematical of the spring that has been so tardy in its coming. A pleasing illustration of the "wearing of the green" is expressed in



GREEN CLOTH DRESS AND COAT.

a Napoleonic coat of brilliant green cloth, with velvet collar and cuffs, braided facings and gilt buttons. A close companion to this coat is a billiard cloth dress, with panel braided like the coat. The pointed bodice shows a full yoke and sleeves of green silk.

While on the subject of color it ought to be told that a startling feature of the spring fashions is the utter lack of harmony observed in the combining of colors. For instance, such unique associations as yellow and navy blue or mauve and pink are of frequent occurrence.

The early spring dresses all show distended skirts. The skirts are extremely full, boast innumerable seams and mostly possess hoops around the bottom. Indeed there are signs of bustles in some of the silk petticoats made to wear under the new dress skirts.

While extra material is used for the making of sleeves, these now droop more toward the elbow and are not raised at all above the shoulders. The new mutton sleeve is not only cut very wide above the elbow, but very long, and being close to the arm below the elbow the effect is that of a huge puff. Lace waists, by the bye, have lace sleeves. These waists will be worn over colored silk linings.

Fancy waists in silk of gorgeous hue are to the fore for wearing with black silk or grenadine or crepon skirts. There are any number of fancy fichus, collars and yokes, some made entirely of lace, while others are of velvet, silk or batiste trimmed with lace. These accessories are useful little fancies, inasmuch as they add variety and an air of elegance to an otherwise simple toilet. A pleasing feature observed on some of the new gowns is a collar band devoid of the distorting rosettes at the sides. The tendency is to less trimming of this special portion of the gown.

The needs of the tailor made woman are as serious as ever. While she delights in the frivolities of the dress-makers' gowns time does not alter nor circumstances change her admiration for the cloth dress cut and pressed by the master hand of man. Although today he elaborates it more than yesterday, women still adopt it with enthusiasm. The coat and skirt style of tailor made gown remains popular, but newer than this are the cloth gowns with tight fitting bodices more or less elaborately trimmed.

Just at present there is no practice more general than the waving of the hair, and it is a fact that today every woman whose hair has not been waved—no matter how attractive her gar-



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ments may be, no matter how much time and money she may have spent on the details of her various garments—looks ill dressed. Women have, to a certain extent, to follow the decrees of the Parisians and set the hair loosely from the neck and forehead. They are bound to do this in self defense, for all Parisian millinery demands it. It is impossible to wear the hats of the day unless the hair takes wider outlines.

Hats made of coarse straw in mixed colors are counted among novelties in millinery. Platted lisse is a feature in millinery trimmings. It is made into bows, wings, aigrets and other forms of garniture. Flowers and bows of ribbon appear underneath the brims of many of the hats. ALICE VARNUM.

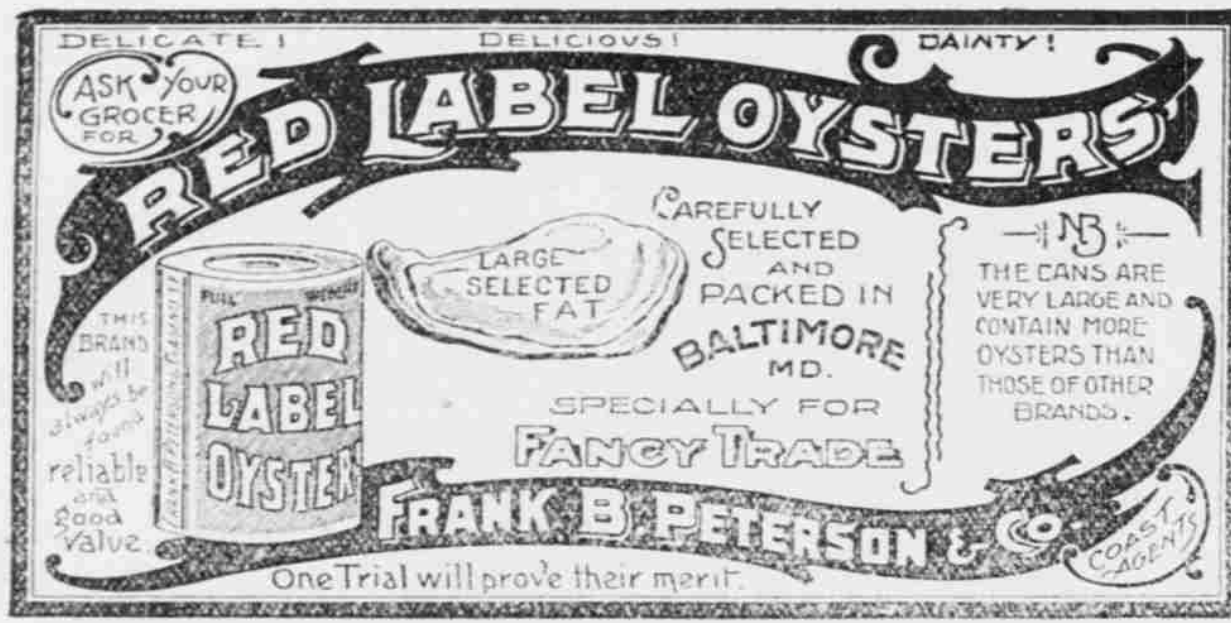
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